Mr. A. Kumara Pillai: (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The net revenue of the taluk cannot be gathered as the expenditure of the department is not shown separately for each taluk in the State Accounts.

(*b*) 1107—Rs. 51,005.
1108—Rs. 22,970.
1109—Rs. 19,360.

Over-taxation on wet lands in Nanjanad.

112. *Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there have been complaints of over-taxation in respect of wet lands in Nanjanad?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know whether any steps have been taken to alleviate that grievance?

Mr. K. George: Government have decided that complaints regarding over-taxation need be looked into only at the time of the next Settlement.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: When do they propose to inaugurate the next Settlement?

Mr. K. George: That has not yet been decided.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government admit that there is over-taxation?

Mr. K. George: Some members of this House and of the Assembly have made representations to that effect. Government have not accepted that position. But the question as to whether there is over-taxation, and, if so, how that should be remedied, will be considered at the time of the next Settlement.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know.....

President: No; you have allowed another member to have preference.

Poramboke lands within the precincts of the salt factories at Tamarakulam.

113. *Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are poramboke lands lying within the precincts of the salt factories at Tamarakulam; and

(*b*) if so, how many acres?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 9·50 acres within the Puttallam factory, 17·65 acres within the old *Allom*.

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Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know whether there have been encroachments over these porambokes ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice

President: The next question stands in the name of Mr. Kattakayam. He is absent. He must have been exhausted! (*Laughter*).

Communal representation in public service.

114. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have accepted the principle of communal representation in regard to appointments in public service ; if so, what according to them determines the community of an individual, whether his birth or the faith or creed which he embraces on the date of his application for entry into public service ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: As regards the principle of communal representation in public service the member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 893/Gl., dated the 25th June 1935, published on pages 1243-1250 of Part I of the Gazette dated the 25th June 1935.

As regards the second portion of the interpellation it is the information which the applicant himself furnishes at the time of his entry into public service that determines the community to which he or she belongs.

Dr. G. D. Nokes's report re recruitment to public service.

115. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether Dr. G. D. Nokes was deputed by them to prepare any report on the principles and policy to be followed by Government in the matter of recruitment to public service in Travancore ;

(*b*) if so, whether any report has been submitted by him;

(*c*) whether they will place on the table a copy of the report ; and

(*d*) whether the Council will be afforded an opportunity to have a discussion on the report before any of the recommendations contained therein are given effect to ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes,

(*c*) The report is confidential and as such it cannot be placed on the table.

(*d*) Government have already passed orders. The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 893/Genl., dated 25th June 1935, published in the Government Gazette dated the 25th June 1935.

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